



# WINNS WEEKLY

9.1.2026

Приятных  
Выходных!

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Have a good weekend!



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## DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.12.1.2026

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** After school clubs start

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January** Author visit - Y5 & 6

Please remember to subscribe to [our online calendar](#) so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back and happy New Year to all our families. We hope you had a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for what promises to be another action-packed term at The Winns.

We are delighted to begin the term during the **National Year of Reading**, with a fantastic programme of reading-focused events planned across the school. Next week, we will be welcoming author **Janeen Hayat**, who will be visiting to talk about her new book and to share some of her wonderful experiences as a writer. We know this will be an inspiring opportunity for our children.

We are also excited to be welcoming a team from Waterstones, who will be visiting the school to film a group of children from Reception and Year 6 talking about the shortlisted books for this year's children's award. Shhh... we're keeping the titles under wraps for now until they are officially announced in the coming weeks!

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**, with activities planned across the school. After-school clubs will begin next week, alongside a range of educational trips and a full programme of class assemblies to share children's learning.

As we move towards the Easter break, we also look forward to our second round of parent consultation meetings, giving you the opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing in school.

We're excited for the term ahead and thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## SCHOOL STREETS REMINDER

We are incredibly proud of the eco-travel credentials of our school, including our Gold STARS Award from TfL, which the School Streets scheme plays a huge part in. We would urge parents and families to remember, however, that the roads in the School Streets are not completely closed during their times of operation. Residents and eligible permit holders may still be driving motor vehicles down these streets. We pride ourselves on being a school that serves our local community and so we are asking our parents and families to be considerate when taking advantage of the School Streets system. Road safety is something that we actively teach the children in school, but that parents can assist in reinforcing outside of school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## FUNDRAISING CHAMPION: PENNY'S BAKE SALE FOR SARCOMA UK

We are thrilled to share a wonderful story of initiative and good citizenship from one of our very own students. This past week, Penny took it upon herself to organise a bake sale that did much more than just provide tasty treats - it made a real difference in the fight against cancer.

### Belonging to a Bigger Community

At The Winns, we strive to teach our pupils that they belong to a bigger community. Penny demonstrated this beautifully by looking beyond the school gates to support Sarcoma UK.

By organising this event, she didn't just raise money; she raised significant awareness for the charity online, inspiring others to make direct donations. This is a shining example of how one person's efforts can ripple outward to help people they may never even meet.

### Living Our Winns Values

Penny's achievement is a fantastic showcase of our school values in action:

- Being Kind & Respectful: By choosing to support Sarcoma UK, Penny showed deep empathy for others and respect for a cause that touches many lives.
- Being You: Penny used her own talents and passion to create something unique, showing us all that "being you" means using your strengths to help others.

### The Results are In!

Through her hard work and the support of her family, Penny raised a fantastic £125! This is a brilliant achievement, and we hear that this is only the beginning - Penny is already looking forward to more community projects in the future.

A huge well done to Penny! You have shown us all what it means to be a thoughtful, active member of our community. We can't wait to see what you do next.



**SarcomaUK**  
The bone & soft tissue  
cancer charity





## WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM WEBINARS 2026

**21**

January

**Thriving under exam pressure:  
tips and strategies**

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS



**12**

February

**Helping your child navigate big  
feelings: evidence-based  
strategies**

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS



**05**

March

**Navigating social media  
mindfully**

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS



**19**

March

**Mental health through a  
neurodiversity lens**

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS



**09**

April

**Why sleep matters: impacts on  
mood, stress and resilience**

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS



**14**

May

**New Start, New Steps: Navigating  
the Move from Primary to  
Secondary School**

5-6PM ON MS TEAMS



**25**

June

**New Start, New Steps: Navigating  
the move from secondary school  
to further education**

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## FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

### WE'RE ALL FRIENDS OF THE WINNS

As a parent/carer to a child or children who attend the Winns, you are already a Friend of the Winns. The Friends of the Winns is a **registered charity** which organises opportunities to connect, share ideas, volunteer and support the school through fundraising, wellbeing and social activities.

### Did you know?

As we appeal for your kind support, donations and volunteering time, did you know that as a registered charity, **if the company you work for offers paid time off** for volunteering leave, this can be used to help with Friends of the Winns events!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE FOTW COMMITTEE

#### Welcome back everyone!

We hope you had a restful holiday period.

**What does this term hold for FOTW?** Coming over the next few weeks you can expect:

- Announcement of **funding priorities for 2026**.
- Project announcements and opportunities for **carers and parents to come onboard**.
- **Parent/carer surgery** with FOTW Committee - share your ideas and give us your feedback. Dates tbc.
- A programme of events and activities running from late February to the end of March, supporting the school's celebration of **National Book Day** and the [National Year of Reading](#).



The work that we do together gives us a chance to connect, have fun and critically, support the school. We're very excited to step into the Spring Summer term and get into delivering new equipment, refurbishments and funding enrichment opportunities. Welcome 2026!

### WINTER FAIR FEEDBACK

Don't forget to share any feedback on how we can make Winter Fair 2026 even better, please share your thoughts via [this online form](#).







## FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS



### THE WINNS COMMUNITY SKILLS DIRECTORY

One of the projects the FOTW committee will be leading this year is the creation of **The Winns Community Skills Directory** - a shared record of the skills, experience and knowledge within our parent and carer community.

This could be the job you do and might offer a student a chance to shadow, a life experience you'd be happy to share, or a practical skill that could support FOTW projects.

We'd love to explore how we can connect these and support the school together.

As we begin thinking about **how to build a safe, accessible and secure directory**, we'd especially welcome insight from anyone with **experience in records or information management**. If you're happy to offer advice or feedback, please contact Bisi and Vic, FOTW co-chairs, at [fotwchair@gmail.com](mailto:fotwchair@gmail.com).

### RECYCLING

#### Every donation you make counts

In our stock-taking preparations for the quiz and winter fair, we discovered some **out of date non-alcoholic drinks - prosecco, cider and mulled wine**. Things that are perfectly safe and can't be sold to fundraise or donated to food banks because of the expiry date. A couple of photo postings later on the **food waste sharing app Olio** and two local families were happy to take and reuse the items.



### IN OTHER NEWS...STIKINS!

#### A great way to keep track of uniform and fundraise!

We've had a great start to the new term via a cheque for **£250 which arrived from Stikins**. Thank you to all those who've been able to purchase sticky name labels via them. Remember if you need any stick-in labels for uniform, if you buy via Stikins, FOTW receives a 30% donation. Visit [stikins.co.uk](http://stikins.co.uk) and quote our fundraising number **25586** at the check-out.

